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Minutes

Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission **January 10, 2012**

The Louisiana Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission met on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 10:06 a.m. in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge. Chair Bender called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

Commission Members Present

Ralph Bender, Chair
James Dorris
Keith Jones, Vice-Chair
Raymond Lalonde
Gloria Simmons

Staff Members Present

Chandra Cheatham
Ann Evans
Kristi Kron
Carol Marabella
Larry Tremblay

Commission Member Absent

Tina Begnaud
Richard D'Aquin
James Fontenot

Guests Present

(See Appendix A.)

The first item of business was the election of 2012 officers for the Commission.

Chair Bender reminded the Commission that state law requires the Commission to elect from its membership a chair and vice-chair annually, and the law does not restrict the number of terms an individual can serve.

Commission member Jones nominated Mr. Bender as Chair. There being no other nominations,

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Dorris, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously elected Mr. Ralph Bender as Chair for 2012.

Commission member Lalonde nominated Mr. Jones as Vice-Chair. There being no other nominations,

On motion of Mr. Lalonde, seconded by Mr. Dorris, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously elected Mr. Keith Jones as Vice-Chair for 2012.

The next item of business was approval of the minutes from its meeting of November 8, 2011.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Lalonde, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously adopted the minutes of the November 8, 2011 Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission meeting.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission involved an initial license application from Southwest Dental Academy, LLC, located in Lafayette, Louisiana, and represented by the school's owner/director/instructor, Ms. Karen R. Credeur. Ms. Marabella reviewed the materials for the Commission, informing it that the institution would be offering one program of study, Dental Assisting, which is a nine week, 210.0 clock hour program

(inclusive of classroom and clinical experience). Southwest Dental Academy, LLC, had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the anticipated business competition in the Lafayette area and similarity of programs, the physical location of the school in Lafayette, and the work experience of the owner,

On motion of Mr. Lalonde, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for Southwest Dental Academy, LLC, located in Lafayette, Louisiana.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was operating license renewals. Ms. Marabella informed the Commission that there were sixteen (16) schools seeking renewal. These schools scheduled for renewal were in complete compliance, having met all the legal and administrative requirements to be re-licensed.

Following further discussion,

On motion of Ms. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Lalonde, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

Academy of Acadiana--Lake Charles (12/02/10)
American Commercial College (12/05/02)
Baton Rouge College (12/04/08)
Becker Professional Education--Lafayette (12/09/04)
Galliano Training Center, LLC (12/08/05)
Gretna Career College (12/19/91)
Herzing University (12/07/95)
Infinity College, Inc. (12/02/10)
Kenner Health Careers Institute, LLC (12/11/03)
Learning Bridge Career Institute (12/02/10)
Legally Speaking (12/06/01)

Martin International, Inc., of Louisiana (12/16/82)
NASCAR Technical Institute (12/05/02)
National Driving Academy, Inc. (12/05/96)
Tulsa Welding School (12/07/06)
Unitech Training Academy--Alexandria (12/04/08)

Ms. Marabella informed the Commission that there was one institution that chose not to renew its license--Horizon CNA Training School, LLC (12/04/08). The student records from this closed school have been submitted to staff for safekeeping.

The next item on the agenda was an update on program approvals. Chair Bender_ reminded the Commission that staff approved these updates administratively and course approvals were being shared with the Commission for information purposes only.

Under Report from Staff, Dr. Tremblay informed the Commission that Falck Alford elected to forego the Notice of Violation hearing and paid the fine of \$18,000.00.

Under Other Business, as a follow-up to its request at the November 8, 2011 Commission meeting, a summary of the current licensed proprietary schools reflecting the classification of each school by program offering was distributed to each Commission member.

The next meeting of the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

APPENDIX A
GUESTS

Karen R. Credeur

Southwest Dental Academy, LLC

Angelique Duhon Freel

LA Department of Justice